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FALL FOLLIES.

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WOMAN'S WAYS.

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The Canadian Pacific.

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AN EGYPTIAN ROMANCE

A Story of Love and Wild Adventure, founded upon Startling Revelations in the Career of Arabi Pasha.

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CHAPTER I.

GRAND CAIRO—THE CHOUBRAH ROAD AT SUNSET.

It is the celebrated Choubrah Road of Grand Cairo, the favorite European ride, drive and promenade in the cool of the evening, which is already here, for the great golden sun of Egypt is fast sinking below [illegible]

CHAPTER II.

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CHAPTER III.

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(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE WISDOM OF JOSH BILLINGS.

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THE CANADIAN PACIFIC R. R.

3,000 Feet up the Rockies—Scenery the Finest in the World.

The High Commissioner has returned from a tour of inspection of the entire transcontinental route from Coal Harbor, the Pacific terminus, to the city of Quebec, and, with the exception of an uncompleted section of thirty miles in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, the whole journey of 3,300 miles was over the rails of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The grades in the Rocky Mountains will not exceed 116 feet to the mile. Some of the work on the western side of the mountains is of a difficult nature, and it is said that twenty-five miles of this section cost $135,000 per mile. The Fraser River on the same section is bridged with a cantilever steel bridge which cost $400,000. The number of tunnels is unusually large. Between Port Moody and Yale there are five, sixteen between Yale and Lytton, six between Savona's Ferry and Kamloops, and two between Kamloops and Lackamoose Narrows. Through the Rockies the road runs between precipitous mountains rising 3,000 and 4,000 feet above the line. It follows the course of the Fraser River, a large and rapid stream, running at the rate of from ten to fifteen miles an hour, whose perpendicular banks sometimes rise to a height of 300 feet. Notwithstanding these engineering difficulties, the trains make [illegible]

The Reading of Newspapers.

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— WEEKLY. —

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G. J. ATKINSON, Proprietor. W. H. HALL, Editor & Manager.

The Virden Advance.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19th, 1885.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

Virden is probably the best point for wheat, both as regards its position and also considering the vast tract of excellent farming land round it, between Winnipeg and Calgary; it is, therefore, very necessary that the wheat trade in the town should be fostered and encouraged by all possible means. Now the essential points necessary to make a town a good market are good roads, plenty of buyers, good elevator accomodation and a steady price. This last is perhaps the most essential of all, and is, unfortunately for the town, one of which our local buyers take very little consideration. It is a well known fact, and a fact which occurs almost weekly, that a very high price will be given for a few loads of grain, perhaps really more than the grain is worth.

The apparently fortunate farmers who secure these top prices spread the news far and wide on their homeward journey, and straightway all the farmers round clean up their wheat and rush with it on to the market, only to find that they cannot get within 20 cents per bushel of what was given for wheat of the same grade a few days previously. Now this is radically wrong, and our local buyers cannot have it put before them too strongly. If a fair and moderate price were paid for wheat all along, be there little or be there much on the market, the farmer would know what to expect and would bring their wheat into Virden regularly, and even if not over-satisfied with the price they would be saved the exasperation of finding that four or five days has made a difference of from fifteen to twenty cents per bushel on the same sample of wheat.

The ultimate effect of this coquetting with prices will be to drive the wheat which should come into Virden to the neighboring towns of Elkhorn and Oak Lake. Already the latter is making vast strides and taking thousands of bushels which, out for the great fluctuation of prices here, would come into this market. And what is the reason? The buyers there see the necessity of keeping prices within certain limits, and also of buying all wheat that comes into the market. A farmer brings wheat into town and it is refused by the buyers simply because they are not buying that particular grade. What is the farmer to do with his grain? There is no place to store it, and probably having come over twenty miles it is impossible for him to take it home again.

This brings up the question of the town requiring more elevator accomodation. The elevators in the town at present are totally inadequate to meet the requirements of the farmers, for the least rush of grain renders them absolutely impotent, in a few hours they are choked and then comes the great drop in price—not because the wheat in the open market has dropped but simply because the local elevators are full and the buyers wish to stop the flow of grain into the town. What Virden really wants is a new elevator, and if the inhabitants wish to keep the wheat trade in the town they must see about getting one built at once. Delay will only make things worse and worse; next year will not do. The town has already suffered more than is generally imagined through the want of elevator accomodation. Another elevator must be built.

This year we have more buyers than ever in the town, but they are actually being driven away because there are not sufficient means for shipping the wheat they buy. The action of the C.P.R. authorities in refusing to ship wheat in bulk excepting through the elevators cannot be too strongly condemned. As long as the elevators were capable of handling all the wheat brought to them farmers were willing to ship through them, but when the elevators became choked the least the C.P.R. authorities could do was to let wheat be shipped in bulk direct into the car. They were asked but flatly refused to do so. The town has but little to expect in the way of encouragement from the C.P.R. but let this not be a reason for the inhabitants to neglect their own welfare. Build an elevator and it will be more than paid for this winter in the increase of business it will bring to the town.

EXECUTION OF RIEL.

Scenes at the Scaffold.

The Doomed man Firm at the Last.

REGINA, Nov. 16.—At 8 o'clock this morning everything was in readiness for the execution of Louis Riel. The doomed man was kneeling near the door leading to the scaffold, and Father McWilliam was repeating the prayer for the dying. Pere Andre, Dr. Jukes and others were standing near by.

Soon after 8 o'clock Pere Andre administered the Sacrament to Riel.

Riel gave the responses in a firm voice, although he was pale. He was dressed in a black coat and brown tweed pants.

The hangman now appeared bearing straps to bind Riel with. Riel rose to his feet and was pinioned by the hangman, the operation being superintended by Deputy Sheriff Gibson, Riel praying in French. Riel walked firmly to scaffold repeating, "In God I put my trust."

As Riel stood on the drop with his face turned to the north, he said: I do ask for forgiveness for all men and that all my enemies may be forgiven."

The executioner now placed a white cap over Riel's head, both priests holding candles and repeating prayers for the dying.

At 8:23 the drop fell and Louis Riel was launched into eternity.

The Fall Assizes.

The Fall assizes, for the Western Judicial District, opened at Brandon on Tuesday the 10th inst., His Lordship, Judge Killam, presiding.

The criminal docket contained but one case, that of an Indian woman attempting to poison another. Owing to the distance from the scene of the said attempt at crime, and the apparent weakness of proof, the Crown deemed it prudent to summons no witnesses nor incur any expenses that could be avoided.

The Grand Jury elected as their foreman Mr. Samuel Hanna.

In the Queen vs. the Indian woman the Grand Jury found No Bill.

The Civil docket contained but six cases, three of them jury cases.

The only case of interest to this district was Lang vs. Ogilvie Milling Co., the jury returning a verdict for the plaintiff for $459.21.

Owing to the press of matter we are unable to give His Lordship's address to the Grand Jury.

WAR DECLARED.

Servia Finally Takes the Decisive Step.

Fatal Encounters on the Border

LONDON, Nov. 14.—Servia has declared war against Bulgaria.

SOFIA, Nov. 14.—Servian out posts continue to attack Bulgarian frontier posts. One Bulgarian was killed today.

In a frontier skermish at Tsin today eight Servians and one Bulgarian were killed.

COMMUNICATIONS

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but are willing to give space in our paper at any time for the discussion of public questions.

We shall not publish any letter unless accompanied with the name and address of the sender, not necessarily intended for publication.

BEULAH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Miss Lenora Hill has been engaged as teacher for this school, and commenced her duties on Monday morning. The school has been vacant for some time, but now that a teacher has been secured those anxious for an education will be able to store their heads with knowledge. Learning is about the only thing that pays these hard times.

A very serious, if not fatal, accident occurred about ten miles east of here last Saturday. A young man, by the name of Rourke, drove up from Oak River to McKerzoch's. At the latter place he pulled out his halters to tie his horses, and in so doing discharged a gun lying in the bottom of the rig. The full charge entered his wrist, shattering the bone and severing the artery. Excessive bleeding had so weakened him that on the arrival of Dr. Rolston the necessary operation could not be performed. At the time of writing, owing to the loss of blood, it is very uncertain if he will have strength to pull through. The horse that was ridden to fetch the doctor dropped dead ere it reached home. Mr. Rourke has only been married a few months.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. Thos. Orr thrashed 1,970 bushels of oats on Thursday for Mr. Bennett in eight hours.

If the present fine weather continues the probabilities are that there will be more ploughing this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. English are leaving the prairie for city life once more. Mr. Chas. Rogers and family also leave for their home in Ontario this week.

Mr. Samuel Henderson left last week for Winnipeg, where he intends spending the winter. He will be greatly missed around here, especially in the literary meetings, as he took a prominent part in the debates.

Quite a crowd gathered at the Literary meeting last Saturday, when a good program was gone through, after which there was considerable discussion on the questions of "Hail-storm insurance" and "Tree planting." A motion was passed, thanking the Virden friends for their liberality in subscribing so generously to the funds for the erection of a stable on the school house grounds. The debate for the next meeting will be "Which is the more powerful—the pen or the sword?" with Messrs. Crosby and Hunter as leaders. Mr. Barney Alt was selected as chairman for next night out of a large number of competitors.

There is room for plenty of dissatisfaction in connection with the style of wheat buying down on the Virden market. Of course when a buyer uses his own money to purchase with we have no right to complain if he tries to make a reasonable profit, but the elevator men have a monopoly to a certain extent, and in consideration of the same should have the decency to offer within a few cents of what the article is worth. A neighbor here was offered 50 cents by the largest grain buyer in Virden for good red fyfe wheat that had never been touched by the frost (having been cut a week ahead of it) and that was almost entirely clear of smut. Now this same load was sold at 60 cents to another Virden buyer, which was 10 cents more than the largest buyer in Virden would give—There is too much difference here. Another man was offered 35 cents by a buyer, but the buyer referred to above came up and told him (in a sort of stage whisper) that this farmer had shipped his grain himself, and advised him not to pay so much, the consequence being that the first offer was withdrawn and 30 cents offered instead. This is truly a fine way of giving the farmer the benefit that they all talk so much about.

November 11th.

LATER.

Mr. Thos. Tapp and Mr. Jas. Lang start on a trip to Ontario this week, where it is possible that they may remain for the winter if the cold does not prove too intense.

Mr. Wm. Lawson has finished the mammoth job of threshing at Mr. Powers', and his genial face is again to be seen among us. He was at Mr. Dale's on Monday and will be at Mr. Austin's on Thursday or Friday.

A shooting match took place last Thursday with T. Tapp and W. C. Montgomery as captains. The following is the score: W. C. Montgomery, 125; E. Stanbury, 200; J. R. English, 150; Allan Lang, 140; A. Sleno, 125; R. Winters, 125; A. Dale, 85; W. Carefoot, 80; Jas. Montgomery, 60. Total, 1,090. T. Tapp, 235; T. Bennett, 200; Barney Ault, 265; W. Tanner, 165; A. R. Elford, 135; Jas. Halkwell, 135; Thos. Hoar, 110; A. McKinley, 105; W. Hoskins, 80; A. E. Smith, 50; F. English, 40. Total, 1,650. It will be noticed that Mr. Tapp had eleven men to Mr. Montgomery's nine, so it was decided to leave off the two smallest scores on Mr. Tapp's side, which would leave only 450 of a majority for that gentleman, sufficient, however, to elect the other side for a first class supper, which was partaken of by both teams at the Grand Central Hotel, Virden.

Extensive Art Gallery.

Next to the Bible, no book is more useful than Webster's Dictionary. The Unabridged is an extensive art-gallery containing over three thousand engravings, representing almost every animal, insect, reptile, implement, plants, etc., which we know anything about. It is a vast library, giving information on almost every mentionable subject. It, indeed, has been well remarked that it is the most remarkable compendium of human knowledge in our language. The value of its illustrated definitions, the pictures in Webster under the 12 words, Beef, Boiler, Castle, Column, Eye, Horse, Moldings, Phrenology, Ravelin, ships (pages 1,164 and 1,219) Steam Engine, Timbers, define 343 words and terms far better than can be defined in words.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.
WESTERN DIVISION.

TRAIN SERVICE.

On and after May 31st, 1885, trains will move as follows:

LEAVE		ARRIVE
8.30 a.m.	Winnipeg	6.30 p.m.
11.05 a.m.	Portage la Prairie	4.00 p.m.
1.15 p.m.	Carberry	1.45 p.m.
2.15 p.m.	Brandon	11.00 a.m.
2.50 p.m.	Kemnay	10.30 a.m.
[illegible] p.m.	Alexander	10.10 a.m.
[illegible] p.m.	Griswold	9.40 a.m.
4.00 p.m.	Oak Lake	9.15 a.m.
[illegible] p.m.	Virden	8.22 a.m.
[illegible] p.m.	Hargrave	8.10 a.m.
5.30 p.m.	Elkhorn	7.45 a.m.
6.15 p.m.	Fleming	7.05 a.m.
6.45 p.m.	Moosomin	6.15 a.m.
7.05 p.m.	Red Jacket	[illegible] a.m.
7.35 p.m.	Wapella	[illegible] a.m.
[illegible] p.m.	Burrows	[illegible] a.m.
8.15 p.m.	Whitewood	4.41 a.m.
8.42 p.m.	Percival	4.22 a.m.
[illegible] p.m.	Broadview	3.45 a.m.
1.00 a.m.	Qu'Appelle	1.00 a.m.
[illegible] a.m.	Regina	11.15 p.m.
[illegible] a.m.	Moose Jaw	6.15 p.m.
2.30 p.m.	Swift Current	12.15 p.m.
[illegible] p.m.	Maple Creek	7.10 a.m.
1.00 a.m.	Medicine Hat	2.30 a.m.
11.15 a.m.	Gleichen	6.45 p.m.
1.30 p.m.	Calgary	2.30 p.m.
ARRIVE		LEAVE

Trains between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw run daily except Sundays.

Three trains a week between Winnipeg and Canmore, leaving Winnipeg Monday, Tuesday and Friday; returning leave Canmore Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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Over and Over Again.

Over and over again,
No matter which way I turn,
I always find in the book of life,
Some lesson I have to learn.
I must take my turn at the mill,
I must grind out the golden grain,
I must work out my task with a resolute will,
Over and over again.

We cannot measure the need
Of even the tiniest flower,
Nor check the flow of the golden sands,
That run through a single hour;
But the morning dew must fall,
And the sun and the summer rain
Must do their work and perform it all
Over and over again.

Over and over again
The brook through the meadow flows,
And over and over again
The ponderous mill-wheel goes.
Once doing will not suffice,
Though doing be not in vain;
And a blessing failing us once or twice,
May come if we try again.

The path that has once been trod
Is never so rough to the feet;
And the lessons we once have learned
Are never so hard to repeat.
Though sorrowful tears must fall,
And the heart to the depths be riven,
With storm and tempest, we need them all,
To render us meet for heaven.

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Post Office, Virden.
Jas. Wilson, "
W. M. Cushing, Elkhorn.

The Virden Advance

THURSDAY, NOV. 19th 1885.

VIRDEN AND VICINITY.

—The framework of the English church is up.

—Mr. Thos. Tapp left for Ontario yesterday morning.

—The Virden Orange lodge will meet next Monday evening.

—Small attendance at the Thanksgiving service last Thursday.

—A special train passed west on Sunday bearing the warrant for Riel's execution.

—A new story is commenced in this issue of the ADVANCE. Subscribe at once.

—Messrs. McDonald & Bolton have removed to their new premises on Seventh Avenue.

—The storekeepers of this town observed Thanksgiving Day by keeping their stores open.

—The Rev. F. F. Davis will preach next Sunday morning at H. M. Power's, and in the evening at Virden.

—Mr. W. F. Scarth, Postmaster, went down to Brandon last week to attend the assizes. He returned last Friday.

—Mrs. W. Sharp and son arrived here last Saturday, and were warmly welcomed by Mr. W. Sharp, our popular pedagogue.

—T. Colter, baker, has removed to his new store, and is now selling 17 loaves for $1. He has just received a large consignment or pears and apples.

—Our Stationer, Mr Wilson, states that he has the finest assortment of X'mas. and New Year's cards, Toys, Holiday Goods, &c. in Virden, and solicits inspection.

—A club has been organized at Two Creeks with a membership of about 70, with Gen. Piggott, president; Mr. Herbert M. Power, chairman; and Mr. T. Ausett, Jr., secretary.

—Rev. J. M. Sutherland, B. A. Will preach next Sunday morning at Oak Lake Station, in the afternoon at the school house near Mr. Malcolm's, and in the evening at the school house near Mr. Lang's.

—On Tuesday evening of last week, in Winnipeg, Mr. J. O'Loane, of the Railway Mail Service between this place and Winnipeg, was presented with a very handsome locket by his fellow mail clerks, on the eve of his departure for Ontario.

—A mock parliament has been organized at Portage la Prairie, with a Reform Ministry in power. Would it not be to the interest and benefit of the young men of Virden if a similar institution were organized here. Let a meeting be called at once.

—Mr. H. McLaren will preach at Elm Valley and Woodnorth next Sabbath at the usual time.

—No less than 754 registered letters passed through the Virden post office during the past week.

—A large attendance is expected this evening at the Methodist social, to be held at Mr. Cameron's residence, on the Pipestone.

—The Bazar and Dinner, given by the Ladies' Aid Society, last Thursday, was a decided success. The proceeds of tickets and sales amounted to $75.

—The first number of the Qu' Appelle *Progress* is to hand. It is published by Jas. Weidman, late of the Rapid City *Standard*, and bids fair to be a valuable addition to the journalism of the North-West.

—A well-known temperance gentleman of this town was observed one day, recently, to walk into Caulfield's store in a state of preoccupation. The expression on his countenance, when he discovered where he was, can be better imagined than described. He had mistaken the store for the post-office.

—The Rev. T. B. Baynon will be away next Sabbath, attending missionary services at Souris. His work will be taken by Mr. John Grimmett, who will preach in the morning at the residence of Mr. Blakeman, in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Montgomery school house, and in the evening at Virden.

—Last Sunday evening the Rev. F. F. Davis held a special thanksgiving service in Virden. A large congregation was present and numbers had to be turned from the doors. Mr. Davis preached an eloquent sermon from the following text: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever."

Last Friday a representative of the ADVANCE paid a flying visit to the lively and prosperous little town of Elkhorn. A great improvement has been made by the painting of most of the business places, which gives the town a clean and neat appearance. Business is very brisk, and a large quantity of grain is being taken in at that point. A handsomely fitted new school house was opened a short time ago, with Miss Frasquale as teacher.

—Yesterday morning a farmer came in from the south with two loads of wheat which he had doctored up for sale by putting a peck of good wheat on the top of each bag, the bulk being very inferior. One load was taken in at McBean's elevator before the rascally fraud was discovered, the other he could not sell at any price. As this is not by any means the first attempt at this kind of cheating we shall publish the name of the next farmer found doing it.

—The following communication has been handed to us for publication:

To the Editor of the Virden ADVANCE.

Dear Sir.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, Virden, through the columns of your valuable paper, beg to offer a vote of thanks to Messrs. Willing & Dier, for the use of the grist mill; to Messrs. McDonald & Bolton and Mrs. Hamilton, for the use of their stoves; and to Mr. Wm. Goudie, for his able and willing assistance at our recent Bazaar.

MRS. H. DOWNS,
Sec.-Treas. Ladies' Aid Society.

VIRDEN MARKET REPORT.

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Eggs	20
Butter	[illegible]
Potatoes	[illegible]
Oats	17
Barley	[illegible]
Wheat, No. 1 Hard	[illegible]
" " 2 Hard	[illegible]
" " 1 Northern	[illegible]
" " 2 Northern	[illegible]
" " 1 Regular	[illegible]
" " 2 Regular	[illegible]
" " 3 Regular	[illegible]
Flour	[illegible]

BIRTHS.

COBB.—At Virden, on the 16th inst., the wife of John Cobb of a daughter.

FOR SALE.—MR. ISAAC BENNETT HAS for sale team pair of good sound work horses, which he will sell cheap. Apply to Isaac Bennett, near Virden.

FOUND.

A RED AND WHITE OX, ON NOV. 8th. The owner may have it on proving ownership and paying expenses, by applying P. Nelson, 12, 11, 26.

SERVANT.

Wanted, a good girl for the Virden House, to do kitchen work. Apply to R. Bellamy.

TAILORESSES.

Wanted.—Two girls of experience in work at tailoring. Apply to T. B. Fraser. Virden, Nov. 18th.

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